

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of claims in this application:

1. (Currently amended) A round item of frozen confectionery having an even roundness and a cohesion of greater than 95%, but which ~~essentially~~ substantially lacks ~~an apex~~, rough edges and forming tool marks.

2. (Previously presented) The item of claim 1, in which the frozen confectionery is an ice-cream, an ice-milk or a sorbet each having a percentage overrun of 80 to 120%.

3. (Currently amended) The item of claim 1 wherein the frozen confectionery is ~~uncoated~~, and is obtained by extrusion-forming at a temperature of -7 °C or less, ~~wherein its roundness is generated by revolution.~~

4. (Previously presented) The item of claim 1, having a frustoconical shape comprising a circular base with a round top, a cylindrical shape having a round top, the shape of a skittle, the shape of a fruit, or the shape of a ball, a hollow sphere, or a hemisphere.

5. (Previously presented) The item of claim 4 wherein the fruit shape is of a pear, lemon or strawberry.

6. (Previously presented) The item of claim 1, in the form of a ball having a diameter of 30 to 70 mm and a volume of 14 to 180 ml.

7. (Previously presented) The item of claim 5, wherein the diameter of the ball is 30 to 40 mm, and its volume is 14 to 25 ml.

8. (Previously presented) A packaged frozen confectionery product comprising a plurality of round frozen confectionery items according to claim 1 positioned upon cells in strips of thermoformed plastic material enclosed by an external packaging.

9. (Previously presented) The product of claim 8 wherein the external packaging is a cardboard box.

10-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) The item of claim 1, wherein the item substantially lacks an apex.

22. (New) The item of claim 3, wherein the item has a form of revolution.

23. (New) The item of claim 22, wherein the item is substantially uncoated.

24. (New) A packaged frozen confectionery product, comprising a plurality of round frozen confectionery items according to claim 4 positioned upon cells in strips of thermoformed plastic material enclosed by an external packaging.

25. (New) The product of claim 24, wherein the external packaging is a cardboard box.

26. (New) A packaged frozen confectionery product, comprising a plurality of round frozen confectionery items according to claim 23 positioned upon cells in strips of thermoformed plastic material enclosed by an external packaging.

27. (New) The product of claim 26, wherein the external packaging is a cardboard box.